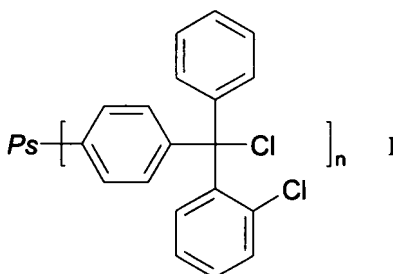
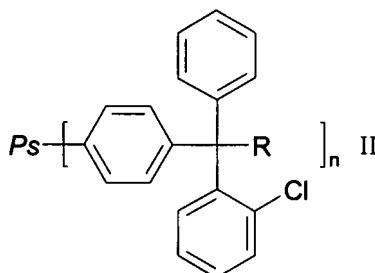


In the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A process for the preparation of solid phase bonded 2-chlorotrityl chloride (2-CTC resin) of formula I



wherein Ps is a polymeric support and n has the following meaning: $1 \geq n > 0$
comprising the reaction of solid phase bonded 2-chlorotrityl of formula II



wherein R is OH or/and OC_{1-4} -alkyl or/and $NR'R''$

wherein R' and R'' independently of each other represent C_{1-4} -alkyl, or R' and R'' together with the nitrogen to which they are bonded represent a 5 to 8 membered heterocyclic radical

in the presence of a chlorinating agent HCl and an organic solvent and dioxane.

2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Original) The process according to claims 1 wherein n is $0.9 \geq n \geq 0.5$.

6. (Original) The process according to claim 1 wherein the reaction temperature is between 0 and 110°C.
7. (Currently Amended) The process according to claim 4-1 wherein the HCl content in dioxane is > 0 to about 40 g/100ml.
8. (Original) The process according to claim 1 wherein the reaction time is 6-96 h.
9. (Original) The process according to claim 1 wherein it is carried out in a single percolation or in repetitive percolations.

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It is respectfully submitted that this Reply is fully responsive to Notice of Noncompliant Amendment mailed May 18, 2007.

No further fee is required in connection the filing of this Response. If any additional fees are deemed necessary, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2525.

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